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LATESSA SALONE, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer; JANET DEMARINIS, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and mother of 16-month-old Jacopo DeMarinis; ANDREA RAILA, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and mother of two-year-old Rhea Raila; PAT QUINN, an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and petitioner for the Illinois Citizens Utility Board to this Commission in 1982 (See No. 82-0112); and the thousands of Illinois residential heating customers who have signed the Customer Utility Convention petition in support of this administrative petition, pursuant to Section 5-145(b), 5-35, and 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, do hereby petition that the following emergency rule be immediately adopted by the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission:

Proposed New Section 280.136: "Discontinuance of Service during the period of time from June 1, 2001 through and including October 28, 2001. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, no electric or gas public utility shall disconnect service to any residential customer for non-payment of a bill or deposit. Nothing in this Section or this Part shall be construed to prevent discontinuance of service for reasons of safety, health, or cooperation with civil authorities."

In support of this Petition, Petitioners point out that Illinois consumers have confronted an unprecedented increase in their natural gas bills in 2001, and consumers are still struggling to pay these back-breaking heating bills.

The Petitioners point out that electricity and natural gas are not luxuries, but rather vital necessities which are essential for millions of Illinois consumers, including senior citizens and infants, to have light, heat, hot water, and cooking gas in order to survive.

The Petitioners point out that new state and local programs for emergency energy assistance have been proposed but are not ready for immediate implementation. The Customer Arrearage Reduction Program, for example, was announced by Peoples Gas and the City of Chicago on March 27, 2001, but still is not ready to accept applications as of May 15, 2001.

The Petitioners point out that false meter readings and inaccurate estimated bills by natural gas and electric companies have greatly added to the burden of Illinois gas and electric consumers who are seeking to resolve bills with the companies before having their service disconnected. Serious questions about the accuracy of customer meter readings and estimated bills have been raised by the media, General Assembly, and customers themselves and are currently under investigation.

On May 15, 2001, for example, Peoples Gas abruptly announced that it would not participate in three planned consumer town meetings on meter reading and estimated bill issues scheduled in Chicago for May 22, May 23, and May 24, 2001. Peoples Gas called off these three planned meetings because of its ongoing labor negotiations with Gas Workers Union Local 18007 of Service Employees International Union and because its Customer Arrearage Reduction Program was not ready for customer application. Peoples Gas indicated that it would reschedule the three consumer town meetings to an undetermined time in June, 2001.

Petitioners point out that public health and safety will be jeopardized, and life-threatening conditions will be created if Illinois gas and electric utility companies are permitted to disconnect service to thousands of Illinois residential households. Peoples Gas, for example, is confronting the possibility of a strike by its 1050 union workers who repair and install gas lines, turn on and disconnect gas services, and check complaints of gas leaks. These union workers rejected Peoples Gas' last contract offer on May 10, 2001 by a wide margin. On April 11, 2001, Peoples Gas executives told a Chicago City Council Committee that the sensitive service work currently performed by its highly-trained union workers would be performed by Peoples Gas field supervisors and newly-trained clerical workers in the event of a strike.

Therefore, for the foregoing reasons and especially because of the jeopardy to public health and safety, the Petitioners ask this Commission to issue an Emergency Rule Prohibiting Illinois Gas And Electric Utility Companies From Disconnecting Service To Any Residential Customers In The Next 150 Days.

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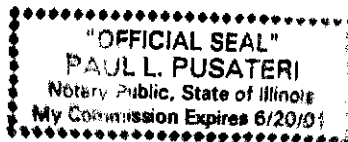
I, Pat Quinn, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b), 5-35, and 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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I, LaTessa Salone, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b), 5-35, and 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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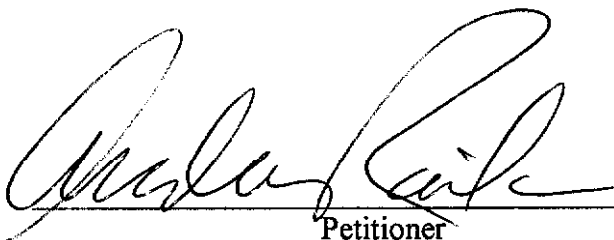
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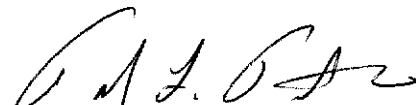
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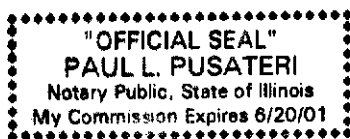
I, Andrea Raila, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b), 5-35, and 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


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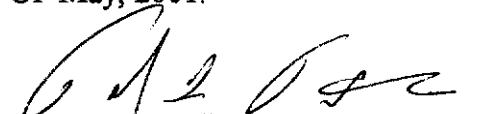
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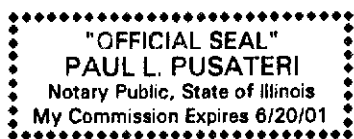
I, Janet DeMarinis, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas and electric consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b), 5-35, and 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


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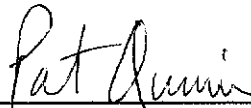
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Pat Quinn, hereby certify I served a copy of this Second Amended Petition for an Emergency Rule by United States Mail, personal delivery, or via e-mail on May 16, 2001 upon each of the parties listed in the service list in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 01-0321, dated at Chicago, Illinois this 16th day of May, 2001.



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